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REMARKS___

SOURCE [   ]   25X1X

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1. On 12 October 1953, 17 T-34 tanks, 6 canvas-covered trucks, 2 sedans and 8 boxcarloads of ammunition boxes and clothing were unloaded in Cottbus. The shipment had arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and left toward the center of the town. [1]

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2. At 10:30 a.m. on 5 October, 8 T-34/85 tanks [   ] passed through Spremberg, coming from the direction of Muskau and proceeding toward Cottbus. All tanks appeared to be factory-new. [2]   25X1B

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3. On 5 October, source determined that most of the engineer training area near Apollendorf had been vacated and that the area was occupied only by a guard detail of about 60 troops. The windows of the installations were open and the billets appeared to be empty. Motor vehicle [   ] was seen in the quartering area. [3]   25X1B

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4. On 9 October, source determined an AAA emplacement with 4 x 85-mm AA guns about 300 to 400 meters north of the east end of the autobahn bridge across the Elbe River between Coswig and Dessau. A range finder was about 450 meters from the east end of the bridge. The guns were uncovered. Several soldiers were seen with the range finder. Other emplacements were seen 800 to 1,000 meters north of this emplacement. [4]

25X1A   1. [   ]Comment. A tank unit of the 9th Mecz Div probably returned to the post from the Forst Tauer training camp.

25X1B   2. [   ]Comment. [   ]tanks of a mechanized regiment 25X1A of the 9th Mecz Div returned from firing practices at Weisswasser. See [   ]

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25X1A   3. [   ]Comment. Another source, on 29 September, presumably observed the last bridge constructions in the Apollendorf engineer training area. See [   ] 25X1A [   ] [   ]the guard detail belongs to the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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25X1A   4. [   ]Comment. The AAA emplacement of the 62d AAA Div (US) has been known.

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